

Minutes
South Mississippi Regional Library
Special Meeting
January 14, 2026

The South Mississippi Regional Board met at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday January 14, 2026, in the auditorium at the Columbia Marion County Public Library. Present were Mrs. Sharon Dungan, Chair, Mrs. Patricia Norris, Mrs. Ernestine Bridges, Mrs. Robin Hurst, Mrs. Cammie Reese, Ms. Summer Slocum, Library Interim Director, and a library patron to observe only, Shandra Magee.

Mrs. Dungan called the meeting to order with prayer.

Ms. Slocum presented the minutes from the meetings on December 15, 2025, and January 6, 2026. Mrs. Dungan moved that the minutes are accepted as a few minor changes are made. Mrs. Norris seconded. Minutes approved.

Old Business: Search for library director: Mrs. Dungan and the board completed the Action Plan form from MLC. The goal is to advertise the Director Position for one month in the Prentiss Headlight and Columbian Progress paper, and the Mississippi Library Commission, Mississippi Library Association, and University of Southern Miss websites. Mrs. Dungan moved that all members should review the current job description for Director. Mrs. Norris suggests adding the following sentence to the overview, "The day-to-day operation of each library is the responsibility of the manager/supervisor at that location with the oversight from the director." Mrs. Dungan moved to revise the job description as stated. Mrs. Norris seconded. All board members are in favor.

Old Business: Flex Policy: Mrs. Dungan presented the minutes from January 29, 2025, showing that the Flex Time Policy was approved and is now incorporated into the Policy & Procedure Manual B section 9B, 9.5.

New Business: Budget Revisions: Ms. Slocum completed a revised FY 25-26 budget based on the expenditure that were incurred during the first FY quarter. Mrs. Hurst moved to approve the amended budget. Mrs. Bridges seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: Bank Bids: Mrs. Dungan explained that we are a quarter behind in getting bank bids out, and that according to policy they are done every two years. Mrs. Dungan moved that the interim director, Summer Slocum, advertise the bids following the policies in place, noticing that it is late. Mrs. Reese seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dungan moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Hurst seconded. Meeting adjourned. The board will hold the next regular meeting on February 11, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Columbia Library.